GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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UNIONS IN JOINT BIPARTITE COMMITTEE FOR COAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a). the details of number of unions in joint bipartite committee for coal industries;

(b). the criteria for selecting trade unions for their representation in committee (coal) or organization;

(c). whether except CITU all the trade unions are given representation in coal mines provident fund organizations; and

(d). if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): The five Central Trade Unions viz INTUC, AITUC, HMS, BMS & CITU are having representation in the Joint Bipartite Committee for the Coal Industry (JBCCI) as workers representative.

(b): In the year 1973 the Government of India decided for setting up the Joint Bipartite Negotiating Committee for the Coal Industry as a whole. The JBCCI consisting of representative of the workers and the management of coal producing companies was constituted. The workers representatives were drawn from INTUC, AITUC, CITU and HMS and thereafter BMS was included in September, 1978. The basic factor in deciding the representation of the unions in JBCCI is countrywide following and general acceptance of the trade unions amongst non-executive exployees in the entire coalfield. The five central trade unions viz. INTUC, AITUC, HMS, BMS, and CITU have been satisfying the conditions and thus JBCCI-I, II, III, IV, V & VI were constituted as per approvals received from the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, New Delhi.

(c): In the board of trustees of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation all the Trade Unions are represented excepting CITU.

(d): The representation of trade unions is given in the Board of Trustees (BOT), Coal Mines Provident Fund according to their membership strength in Coal Industry. As per CMPF & Miscellaneous provisions Act, 1948 only six representatives of trade unions can be accommodated in the Board of whom at least one shall be a person who in not a member of any such organisation. At present the membership, following the provisions of the Act, is as under-

INTUC	-	2
AITUC	-	1
HMS	-	1
BMS	-	1

In addition, one employee has been nominated under this category keeping in view the spirit of the provisions of the Act, which stipulates that at least one member shall be an employee who does not hold any post in any trade union organizations.

For the reason explained above, other trade union including CITU is not represented in BOT.